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SUBJECT: RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF ZEEBRUGGE

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1. FOLLOWING ARE NEW RESTRICTIONS ON MUNITIONS PERMITTED
IN PORT OF ZEEBRUGGE AS OF 24 DECEMBER 1975 ACCORDING TO
HEAD OF PORT AUTHORITY (MBZI):

1. QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS SAME AS PREVIOUSLY
ANNOUNCED IN BRUSSELS 7195, 11 AUG 1975.

2. IN ADDITION, FOLLOWING NEW RESTRICTIONS TO BE
IMPOSED 24 DEC:

A. CATEGORY "B" MUNITIONS LIMITED TO MAXIMUM OF
250 TONS NEC (AND MAY NOT EXCEED 1,000 MT GROSS WEIGHT);

B. LOADING TO BE LIMITED TO EXCLUDE: 1) WEEKENDS;
2) 15 DAYS BEFORE AND AFTER EASTER; AND 3) 1 JULY THROUGH
1 OCT.

ABOVE INFO HAS NOT YET BEEN WRITTEN DOWN BY PORT AUTHORITY
FOLLOWING 18 DEC MEETING. IT POSSIBLE THAT MINOR CHANGES WILL
BE MADE. WILL INFORM AS SOON AS WE OBTAIN WRITTEN CONFIRMATION.

2. DECISION ACCORDING TO FOREIGN MINISTRY AND PORT AUTHORITY
WAS REACHED ON BASIS OUR SUBMISSION AND BELGIAN COMMITTEE OF
EXPERTS STUDY, WHICH DETERMINED

A. THAT AFTER CONVERSION OF PSI TO METRIC SYSTEM EFFECT
OF TOTAL BLAST WOULD EXCEED CAPABILITY OF ZEEBRUGGE BUILDINGS
IN AFFECTED AREA TO WITHSTAND BLAST BY FACTOR OF UP TO THREE.

B. THAT ABSENCE OF FIRM WRITTEN USG COMMITMENT OF
LIABILITY WAS UNACCEPTABLE.

3. WE WILL ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN COPY OF BELGIAN COMMITTEE OF
EXPERTS REPORT TO PORT AUTHORITY TO PASS FOR ANALYSIS TO
U.S. EXPERTS TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE NO ERROR IN BELGIAN ANALYSIS.
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